

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

State of Wyoming

CHARTER

PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP AND TASK GROUPS

- 1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups (PAWG).
- 2. PAWG OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups will develop recommendations and provide advice to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on matters pertinent to the oil and gas development of the Pinedale Anticline area, as described in the Pinedale Anticline Record of Decision (ROD). The Pinedale Anticline is an area of west central Wyoming, south of the town of Pinedale. It includes about 200,000 acres of rolling sagebrush covered lands that are about 80 percent federally managed surface and 83 percent federally managed minerals.
- 3. TERMINATION DATE:** The BLM anticipates that a need for the PAWG will continue to exist for the next 10 to 15 years, the expected life of the project. The functions of the PAWG cannot be completed in less than 2 years. Continuation of the PAWG will be subject to periodic review and renewal every 2 years as required by Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., Appendix.
- 4. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE PAWG REPORTS:** The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) to whom the PAWG reports is as follows:

Field Manager, Pinedale Field Office
Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior
432 East Mill Street
P.O. Box 768
Pinedale, Wyoming 82941
- 5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for the activities of the PAWG will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management Pinedale Field Office.
- 6. ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST:** Approximately 3 months of Federal employee support and \$5,000 will be expended annually. The BLM will provide the staff support and funding.
- 7. PAWG COMPOSITION AND SELECTION:** The PAWG will be composed of nine

members who reside in the State of Wyoming. The PAWG members will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary). The PAWG composition and selection will be as follows:

- A representative of the State of Wyoming, Office of the Governor
- A representative of the Town of Pinedale
- A representative of oil/gas operators active in the Pinedale Anticline area
- A representative of the Sublette County Government
- A representative of statewide or local environmental groups
- A representative of landowners within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area
- A representative of livestock operators operating within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area
- Two representatives from the public-at-large within or adjacent to the PAWG's jurisdiction

8. DUTIES OF THE PAWG: The PAWG will only provide advice and recommendations on matters relating to oil and gas development as described in the ROD for the Pinedale Anticline area. Duties may include providing advice and recommendations concerning: (1) the setting of goals and objectives for the monitoring of field development, (2) the drafting of monitoring plans needed to validate predictive models used in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and (3) the effectiveness of the mitigation measures contained in the ROD for the Pinedale Anticline EIS. The PAWG will provide advice and recommendations on these matters to the BLM, but the final decisions will be made by the BLM.

In consultation with the DFO and to the extent authorized by law and regulations, PAWG is authorized to: (1) gather and analyze information developed by the Task Groups (TGs) or from other sources, (2) hear public testimony, and (3) foster communications within the region regarding the activities associated with oil and gas development in the Pinedale Anticline EIS area.

9. TASK GROUPS: The PAWG will establish TGs to address specific issues related to the PAWG's objectives. These TGs will report to the PAWG. The BLM and the PAWG will establish operating procedures for the TGs consistent with the FACA. The TGs will not give recommendations or advice to the BLM directly. The PAWG will review, consider and discuss information provided by the TGs before adopting recommendations or advice for the BLM.

10. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS: No PAWG or TG member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest. As provided in 43 CFR 1784.2-2, members of the PAWG shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.

11. QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS: All PAWG recommendations will be made through consensus, and the PAWG will provide a forum for community contact. If

consensus can not be reached, the BLM will be notified. The final decision making authority on all matters related to public lands will remain with the BLM.

12. ALLOWANCES FOR PAWG MEMBERS: All members will serve without compensation. Members shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at the current rates for government employees in accordance with the Secretary's travel regulations for attendance at PAWG functions.

13. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: It is anticipated that the PAWG will meet at least two to four times per year, but in no case less than once annually.

14. ADDITIONAL BLM REGULATIONS: The BLM is subject to additional standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM advisory committees. Refer to the 1980 BLM regulations (43 CFR Sec. 1784) for specific regulations regarding: composition (1784.2-1); avoidance of conflict of interest (1784.2-2); calls for nominations (1784.4-1); notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); and records (1784.5-3).

15. AUTHORITY: The establishment of the PAWG is in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities delegated to the BLM by the Secretary in managing and further developing the oil and gas resources under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

/s/ Dirk Kempthorne
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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Date Signed

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